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## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claim 1 (currently amended): A topsheet with liquid permeability of an absorbent article, comprising:

a first side in contact with skin of a wearer of the topsheet;

a second side in contact with an absorption body of the absorbent article; wherein, in a wet condition of the absorbent article, the topsheet having a warm/cool feeing is adapted to have:

the first side of the topsheet has a first q-max value, which is a first maximum heat transfer quantity, (first q-max value) of 1.1 kw/m<sup>2</sup> or less at a side in contact with skin of a wearer of the topsheet; and

the second side of the topsheet has a second q-max value, which is a second maximum heat transfer quantity, of equal to or greater than 0.5 kw/m<sup>2</sup> over the first q-max value, at a side in contact with an absorption body.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The topsheet according to claim 1, wherein the first side of the topsheet has a fiber layer with a fiber density of a fiber layer that constitutes the topsheet is [[made]] higher at the side in contact with the skin of the wearer than a fiber density of [[at]] a fiber layer of the second side of the topsheet in contact with the absorption body.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The topsheet according to claim 1, wherein the first side of the topsheet has a fiber layer with a fineness of a fiber layer that constitutes the topsheet is [[made]]

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lower at the side in contact with the skin of the wearer than a fineness of a fiber layer of [[at]] the second side of the topsheet in contact with the absorption body.

Claim 4 (currently amended): An absorbent article comprising:

the [[a]] topsheet according to claim 1;

a liquid impermeable backsheet; [[,]] and

an absorbent core disposed between the topsheet and the backsheet.

Claim 5 (canceled):

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method for <u>either</u> selecting <u>and/or or</u> evaluating a topsheet of an absorbent article with a favorable dry feeling, comprising:

using a criterion for a warm/cool feeing feeling of the topsheet in a wet condition of the absorbent article, wherein

said criterion being that is indexed to a first q-max value that is a first maximum heat transfer quantity (first q-max value) at a side in contact with skin of a wearer of the topsheet and to a second q-max value that is a second maximum heat transfer quantity at a side in contact with an absorption body of the absorbent article.

the first q-max value is 1.1 kw/m<sup>2</sup> or less, at a side in contact with skin of a wearer of the topsheet and

the [[a]] second q-max value at a side in contact with an absorption body is equal to or greater than  $0.5 \text{ kw/m}^2$  over the first q-max value.

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Claim 7 (new): A method for either selecting or evaluating a topsheet of an absorbent article with a favorable dry feeling, comprising:

measuring, in a wet condition of the absorbent article, a first q-max value that is a first maximum heat transfer quantity of a first side in contact with skin of a wearer of the topsheet, and a second q-max value that is a second maximum heat transfer quantity of a second side in contact with an absorption body of the absorbent article;

indexing the first and second q-max values to a criterion for a warm/cool feeling of the topsheet;

either selecting or evaluating the topsheet as the topsheet with the favorable dry feeling when the first and second q-max values satisfy the criterion that the first q-max value is 1.1 kw/m<sup>2</sup> or less and that a second q-max value is equal to or greater than 0.5 kw/m<sup>2</sup> over the first q-max value.